

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FTX TRADING LTD., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date: June 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. ET**Objection Deadline: April 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. ET**

**FIRST INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART &
SULLIVAN, LLP**

Name of Applicant	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	January 20, 2023 <i>nunc pro tunc</i> to November 13, 2022
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	November 13, 2022 through January 31, 2023
Amount of interim fees to be approved as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$2,976,709.05
Amount of interim expenses sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$6,243.60
Total compensation paid to date:	\$1,233,358.39
Total expenses paid to date:	\$6,243.60
Blended rate in this Application for all attorneys	\$1,385.38
Blended rate in this Application for all timekeepers	\$1,366.84
Number of professionals included in this Application	25

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Number of professionals not included in staffing plan	N/A
If applicable, difference between fees budgeted and compensation sought for this period	N/A
Number of professionals billing fewer than 15 hours to this Application during this period	9
Any rates higher than those approved or disclosed at retention?	No

This is a(n) ____ monthly x interim ____ final application

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Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP (“Quinn Emanuel”), special counsel to the FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the “Debtors”), hereby submits this *First Interim Fee Application of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP* (the “Application”) for allowance of compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred for the period from November 13, 2022 through and including January 31, 2023 (the “Application Period”). In support the Application, Quinn Emanuel respectfully states as follows:

Background

1. On November 11 and November 14, 2022,² the Debtors filed voluntary chapter 11 petitions for relief. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.

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² November 11, 2022 is the petition date for all Debtors, except for Debtor West Realm Shires Inc.

Joint administration of the Debtors' cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") was authorized by the Court by entry of an order on November 22, 2022 [D.I. 128]. On December 15, 2022, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1102 [D.I. 231].

2. On January 20, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP as Special Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Nunc Pro Tunc to November 13, 2022* [D.I. 548], authorizing the retention and employment of Quinn Emanuel as the Debtors' special counsel, *nunc pro tunc* to November 13, 2022.

3. On January 9, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [D.I. 435] (the "Interim Compensation Order").

4. On March 8, 2023, the Court entered the *Order (I) Appointing Fee Examiner and (II) Establishing Procedures for Consideration of Requested Fee Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses* [D.I. 834] appointing Katherine Stadler (the "Fee Examiner") to serve as the fee examiner in these Chapter 11 Cases and establishing certain procedures in connection therewith.

Jurisdiction

5. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper in the Court pursuant to

28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(f), the Debtors consent to the entry of a final order or judgment by the Court in connection with this Application to the extent it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

Relief Requested

6. By this Application and in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order, Quinn Emanuel seeks interim approval and allowance of its compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred for the Application Period (the “Period Compensation”), including authorization for the Debtors to pay the 20% holdback of fees as provided under the Interim Compensation Order (the “Holdback”). Quinn Emanuel has filed and served monthly fee statements covering the Application Period (collectively, the “Monthly Fee Statements”). Each of the Monthly Fee Statements is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. For the avoidance of doubt, by this Application, Quinn Emanuel is seeking only allowance of the Period Compensation previously set forth in the Monthly Fee Statements and payment of the Holdback. Other than the Holdback, Quinn Emanuel is not requesting additional fees or expense reimbursement above the Period Compensation.

7. As the Debtors’ special counsel, Quinn Emanuel has not been providing routine chapter 11 services. Rather, it has been tasked with specialized, complex litigation and investigatory roles, including investigating, analyzing, and prosecuting significant claims for the benefit of the estates. Quinn Emanuel thus has been required to utilize some of its most experienced attorneys to provide the highest quality representation for the Debtors and to respond to various urgent needs to protect and maximize the value of the estates. Quinn

Emanuel has and will continue to minimize duplication with the Debtors' other counsel.

8. In accordance with the United States Trustee's *Guidelines For Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 for Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"), this Application is supported by the following exhibits:

- **Exhibit A**: a summary of compensation by each professional of Quinn Emanuel that worked on the Chapter 11 Cases;
- **Exhibit B**: a summary of compensation by project category;
- **Exhibit C**: an expense summary;
- **Exhibit D**: Quinn Emanuel's customary and comparable compensation disclosures;
- **Exhibit E**: the estimated budget and staffing plan for Quinn Emanuel for the Application Period; and
- **Exhibit F**: the Certification of Sascha N. Rand in support of the Application.

Compensation Requested

9. Quinn Emanuel seeks interim allowance of fees in the amount of \$2,976,709.05 for services rendered during the Application Period and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$6,243.60, which were incurred during the Application Period. In addition, Quinn Emanuel requests that the Debtors be authorized to pay the \$595,341.81 in fees representing the twenty percent (20%) Holdback of fees.

10. The services performed by Quinn Emanuel during the Application Period included, among others, asset analysis and recovery, avoidance action analysis, bankruptcy litigation, board of directors and corporate governance, investigations, and general case administration.

Notice

11. Notice of this Application has been provided to: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the Committee; (c) the Fee Examiner; and (d) all other parties required to be given notice in the Interim Compensation Order. Quinn Emanuel submits that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be provided.

Conclusion

WHEREFORE, Quinn Emanuel respectfully requests that the Court (i) approve the Application and (ii) grant such further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York
March 17, 2023

/s/ Sascha N. Rand
Sascha N. Rand
Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart &
Sullivan, LLP